

MINUTES of a meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds, on Monday, 11 December 1989 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Mrs R Saunders (Chairman)

Mr C A Betts

Mr K P Byass

Col R Davies

Mr T Eggleston

Mrs J Feather

Miss M Fletcher

Mr M Oakland

Mrs G G Skinner (Clerk)

1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting, which had been previously circulated, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising other than those separately enumerated on the agenda.

4 BURTON PLAYING FIELD AND PAVILION

4.1 **Bonfire Party - Playgroup** A letter had been received from Graham Martin, Chairman of the PFA, in reply to a letter from the Parish Council regarding the charge made to the Playgroup for the hire of the pavilion. He stated he would put the contents of the letter to the next meeting of the PFA in January but, in the meantime, stated that it was normal practice for a hire charge to be made for all village groups ie tennis club, youth club. He was unaware that the Playgroup had particularly limited funds and had heard that they had recently received £250 from a Loughborough Supermarket. In addition, his Association had been advised that the Playgroup would be making a charge for participants at the Bonfire Party. In view of the additional information regarding the charge, the query was withdrawn. /

4.2 **Cricket Club** A letter had been received from Ian Monk, Secretary of the Burton on the Wolds Cricket Club, stating that the PFA had been asked for finance for the purchase of eight screens for the 1990 season in order to comply with Leicestershire Senior Cricket League Rules. It was hoped that the Parish Council would order and purchase the equipment on behalf of the Cricket Club, reimbursement to be made by the PFA; pending the decision of the PFA, this was agreed.

4.3 **Playing Field Inspection** The Clerk had written to Cornhill Insurance (Engineering) expressing concern at the lack of a report following the annual inspection. She had requested to be notified of any equipment in a dangerous condition or which needed repair prior to the full report but had received no response. In the circumstances, it was agreed to request Marshall Fry to carry out the annual inspections in future and to notify Cornhill Insurance accordingly. ✓

5 **BURTON VILLAGE HALL**

An estimate had been received from Freestone Construction Co for panic latches/bolts and for reversing existing doors to comply with the Fire Inspection Certificate. The total amount was for £401 including VAT. The Village Hall Committee had difficulty in obtaining a quotation and, although Mr Leeland of the District Auditor's Office would prefer two quotations for any work, he had agreed verbally to accept one in these circumstances, provided the Parish Council thought the amounts reasonable. The individual amounts were considered and approved. The Clerk would notify the Village Hall Committee that the work should be put in hand. ✓

The subject of the financial assistance required for electrical and building work was considered. The grant of £1000 from the Parish Council would not be sufficient to finance the necessary work and it was agreed that a loan should be made. The District Auditor had advised that a formal agreement for a loan should be drawn up and Mr Byass said that he would undertake this; the Clerk would inform him of the necessary details. The amount of the loan would be a matter to be discussed in conjunction with the 1990/91 budget. ✓

Mr Oakland drew the meeting's attention to the fact that more stringent Codes of Practice were being enforced for Village Halls and quoted a case in point in Lancaster.

6 **CLERK'S REPORT**

The current accounts and cash projections were circulated and considered.

7 **BUDGET 1990/91**

The Clerk circulated copies of the 1989/90 budget and a draft of the 1990/91 budget. Members studied the figures; it was agreed that a donation of £50 should be made to *The Link*. It was anticipated that there would be some additional expenditure regarding the parish land at Towles Fields and the amount of the loan to the Village Hall Committee would also need to be taken into consideration. It was agreed that the precept would probably be in the amount of £8500, which would be in line with the previous year's precept. The figures would be finalised at the January meeting. Although the Community Charge would effect some differences eg rate income accruing from business and commercial

properties would be pooled nationally and redistributed on a per capita basis to charging Authorities as a credit against total spending by all precepting Authorities, the precept arrangements were anticipated to be as in previous years. The Chief Executive/Borough Treasurer had sent notice that he would inform the Clerk of the amount of the Parish community charge by mid-December, together with the precept forms.

8 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

89/2453/2 C G Bradley - general pruning and cutting back of one yew tree in rear garden, 11 The Willows, Barrow Road, Burton on the Wolds. Chris Buckingham, Charnwood Borough Council, had seen Mr Bradley and inspected the tree; he was satisfied that every effort would be made to ensure a healthy tree.

89/2738 Mr & Mrs Drayton - garage extension to side of existing garage and conservatory extension to rear of garage of detached house, 9 St Mary's Close, Burton on the Wolds. The Chairman had considered the plans for this application prior to the meeting as objections were requested in writing no later than 8.30 am on 12 December. She compared this application with the one for 6 St Mary's Close which had been a matter of concern in the past. The difficulty was with the promised tree and shrub screen on the Bestbuilt Estate. She circulated diagrams of the area to highlight the problem. The Clerk had written to the Planning Department with a formal objection to the application and had again asked for information on the tree and shrub screen which should have been erected in October. The Chairman offered to visit Mr & Mrs Drayton to explain the problem in person. Whilst the Parish Council had every sympathy with their application, planning agreements should be honoured.

89/2736/2 Geoff Harvey Ltd. Open fronted building for pallett storage (390 sq m) Adjacent Unit 61, Wymeswold Industrial Estate, Prestwold. There were no objections.

9 PARISH LAND, TOWLES FIELDS

Mr Betts had been in touch with the District Valuer concerning the current situation. However, Mr Byass outlined certain difficulties and, in particular, advised that the proposed solution for the foul drainage would involve gaining easements from 8 individual householders in addition to the arrangements with Major Hoe and the Ministry of Defence. The subsequent implications, which would include agreements with householders and their Banks or Building Societies, would prove very expensive. It was agreed to pursue the alternative route via the playing field. Mr Byass would write to the PFA's Solicitors, Messrs Straw and Pearce, in this connection. The Chairman would bring the matter up at the next meeting of the PFA in January.

The Loughborough Housing Association were very interested in acquiring the land and had the necessary funds in their current budget. The Clerk would keep them informed of progress.



10 WAYMARKING

The Chairman reported that she and the Clerk had met with Rosemary Mills and David Moore at County Hall on 1 December. Miss Mills had estimated the costs of diverting paths to be approximately £150 for administration costs plus £300 for advertising. She thought that this could be shared amongst the landowners and the Parish Council. Mr Moore had said that labour would be available shortly. The matter of the path between Springfield Close and Barrow Road had been raised. Miss Mills would check to see whether it had been adopted by the County Council; if not, she would send the Clerk the appropriate forms for adoption.

The Chairman had subsequently held a meeting at her house on 5 December when the Clerk and 10 volunteers for surveying paths had attended; the recommendations for diversions and extinguishments which arose from both meetings were detailed and definitive maps were circulated for Councillors to study. It was agreed to place maps of the current footpaths, bridleways and courtesy paths on the parish notice boards. Pamphlets on *Rights of Way* and *Ploughing and Rights of Way* were circulated and discussed. The boundaries were obscure for H76/H76 and it would be necessary to liaise with Mr Brown, as his land was affected. The Chairman and Clerk would inform Miss Mills of the recommendations; it was noted that Parish Council were ahead of the other parishes in the County and at the top of the list for the necessary work.

11 TELEPHONE KIOSK

Mr Byass had made enquiries regarding the telephone kiosk at Cotes and had ascertained that parishioners would prefer it to be listed. The Clerk would complete the necessary forms and Mr Byass agreed to take photographs of the kiosk to accompany the forms.

12 ENVIRONMENT

12.1 **Cans** Elaine Griggs (Brown Owl) had confirmed that she was willing for cans to be taken to the school on Mondays between 6.30-8pm when the Brownies met. She would prefer cans to be sorted and crushed. She would also accept cans at her home, 32 Loughborough Road, Hoton, telephone 880835.

12.2 **Friends of the Earth** The local contact was Ed Darby, Quorn, telephone 412589. However, it was thought that there was now a waste paper glut. The Clerk would contact Mr Darby to ascertain the current situation.

12.3 **Rubbish Dumping** The Chairman had investigated the contents of the three bags of rubbish dumped in Harlow's Wood. She had found that one contained household waste but the other two contained rotting pig's heads. After some difficulty, she had persuaded Charnwood Borough Council to remove them. It was agreed that this kind of dumping was totally unacceptable.



**12.4 Litter Bins** The Borough Surveyor was now in a position to discuss the siting of additional bins. Any extra bins requested would have to be paid for by the Parish Council and thereafter would be maintained by the Borough. Large bins would cost approximately £70-£80 and small bins approximately £30. Members thought that 7 additional small bins would be required; siting should include the bottom of Seymour Road/Brook Street, Barrow Road, Mundy Close, the corner of Springfield Close/Loughborough Road. After further investigation, the Clerk would forward the list to the Borough Council.

**13 VILLAGE VENTURES COMPETITION 1989/90**

Voluntary groups were invited to enter this competition for such projects as anti-litter campaigns or other environmental projects. As the Parish Council would not qualify as a voluntary body, it was not possible to identify a project for entry.

**14 LIGHT AT SPINNEY FARM**

A lamp on a line pole at Spinney Farm, Six Hills, had been out of commission for more than 6 months. This matter had been drawn to the Chairman's attention because a local parishioner could not gain the County Council's agreement to repair the lamp. The Clerk had established that the County Council had adopted the lamp many years ago and had contacted the Street Lighting Department. The Chairman was pleased to report that the lamp was then repaired within 24 hours.

**15 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**

**15.1 Grass cuttings** The Divisional Surveyor had written in response to a letter from the Clerk to say that his budget would not stand collecting grass cuttings.

**15.2 Meeting with Parishes** There would be a meeting with parishes at 7.30 pm on Monday, 5 February 1990, in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, Loughborough between representatives of the Borough Council and of the Parishes. Representatives' names would be indicated nearer the time. In the meantime, any items for consideration should be sent before 15 January. The following items would be forwarded:

- i When the Borough Council impose planning conditions, it was important that they should be enforced eg tree and shrub screen on the Bestbuilt Estate
- ii Burton on the Wolds frequently had a problem with vehicles being parked dangerously. It was wondered if there was anything that the Parish Councils could do in relation to hazardous parking and also litter. It would be helpful to know the requirements for a private prosecution.

16 PRESS RELEASE

Although the press release appeared regularly in *The Link*, the layout left much to be desired. Mr Betts volunteered to have a word with the Editor about this. As the Parish Council now had a regular slot in the publication, it was felt a donation of £50 towards the costs would be appropriate.

17 SIGNATORIES FOR CHEQUES

Mr Byass signed the bank mandate for signatories for cheques.

18 CHEQUES

Severn-Trent - Pavilion	/£62.32
Readyprint - 6 months' photocopying	/£41.51
Clerk's salary and expenses (including backpay from July)	/£385.80
Burton Village Hall annual rental	/£48.00
Grayling Co Ltd - posters etc for Good Dog Campaign	/£15.76

19 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

19.1 **Trees in Burial Ground** Mr Byass had consulted the Parochial Church Council and they would be pleased if the Parish Council would commission the work on the trees in the Burial Ground. The Clerk would request Tom Wright for a quotation for the tree to be pruned and Mr Eggleston offered to deal with the removal of the tree struck by lightning the next time he had similar work done on his property.

19.2 **Gang Mowers** It was pointed out that the gang mowers should be placed in store for the winter.

19.3 **Next Meeting** The Chairman reminded members that the next meeting would be on the 15 January.

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm.

Minutes 13 November 1989

MINUTES of a meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds, on Monday, 13 November 1989 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Mrs R Saunders (Chairman)

Mr C A Betts

Col R Davies

Mr T Eggleston

Mrs J Feather

Miss M Fletcher

Mrs G G Skinner (Clerk)

In attendance:

Mr R Shields (Borough Councillor)

The Chairman extended a warm welcome to the newly appointed Parish Councillor, Col R Davies.

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Mr M Oakland.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting, which had been previously circulated, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

**Minute 4.4 Burton on the Wolds Playgroup** Mr Betts requested that the amount of £5 charged for the use of the Pavilion for a Bonfire Party should be reconsidered in the light of the lack of resources enjoyed by the Playgroup and the fact that, in previous years, this event had been organised by the PFA. A letter would be sent to the PFA for consideration.

**Minute 14 Fitchett Appeal** The Clerk had received a copy of the Inspector's report from Charnwood Borough Council. It was agreed that the result of the appeal could now be regarded as official.

4 BURTON PLAYING FIELD AND PAVILION

**4.1 Roundabout** The roundabout had been repaired but the carvings on the seat had still to be removed.

*Rachael Saunders*

12-12-89



4.2 **Playing Field Inspection** There had been some difficulty with regard to the inspection carried out by Cornhill Insurance (Engineering Branch) in that, because of a backlog of office work, the report had been delayed. It was thought that it might be advantageous to employ Marshall Fry next year, as in previous years. Mr Betts suggested that Cornhill Insurance might be asked to advise on any equipment which was in a dangerous state in advance of the full report.

4.3 **Dog Fouling** There had been a slight reduction in dog fouling of the field. However, the **Clean Dog Campaign** had shown a general awareness in the rest of the village.

4.4 **Litter** The Bonfire Party held by the Playgroup had left the rubbish uncleared and, for future events, it was suggested that it should be drawn to the attention of organisers that there was not a litter service at the field.

5 **BURTON VILLAGE HALL**

Mr Paul Cartwright, Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee, had received a letter from Leicestershire County Council in which they stated that, although there was insufficient grant money available for any help to be offered at present, the Rural Community Council's Village Hall Committee had recommended that the project should have first priority for future help.

It was anticipated that the electrical work would commence shortly. It was agreed that, with regard to the grant situation, the actual cost should be notified to the appropriate parties after the completion of the work and a letter to this effect would be sent to Mr Cartwright. He had spoken to the Chairman prior to the meeting and stated that he had been unable to obtain quotations for the necessary building work as yet.

A letter had been received from Mr Antill, Parish Councils' Officer, in which he confirmed that there was nothing to stop the Parish Council spending the money obtained from the sale of land on a capital project such as refurbishing the Village Hall. The law on this matter, if changed, would not come into force until 1 April 1990. ✓

The Clerk had spoken with Mr Wood of the District Auditor's Office and he had replied in a similar vein but he wished to remind the Parish Council that the proceeds of the sale of land could be used for capital purposes only and not to subsidise the rates. If the proceeds were invested, the same rules would apply to the interest on the investment. ✓

6 **CLERK'S REPORT**

The current accounts and cash projections were circulated and considered. It was decided to consider the 1990/91 budget at the next meeting.

7 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**Durham Ox Hotel - Justices' Licence** Plans for extensions at the Hotel and a request for a new Justices' Licence had been received since the last meeting. There were no objections.

**89/2453/2 C G Bradley** - general pruning and cutting back of one yew tree in rear garden, 11 The Willows, Barrow Road, Burton on the Wolds. There was some discussion on this item and the Clerk would write to Charnwood Borough Council to express the hope that the general pruning and cutting back was not so drastic as to destroy the tree. It was agreed that planning constraints should be observed and the Chairman or the Clerk would visit Mr Bradley with the intention of seeing the tree.

**89/1106/2 Mr & Mrs Coyle**, 1 Hall Drive, Burton on the Wolds. There had been complaints that the roof tiles on the extension did not match the rest of the bungalow but it was thought that plans were in hand to retile the original building in order to achieve compatibility.

8 PARISH LAND, TOWLES FIELDS

Mr Gibson had written to Mr Betts with regard to the latest position and enclosed copies of correspondence between his firm and the Borough Council; he had also sent copies to the Clerk and Mr Byass. The Borough Planning Officer had confirmed that the Authority would not have any objection to the drainage proposals in principle, subject to the necessary easements being obtained. Mr Betts would be seeing the people involved regarding the easements in the near future.

A letter which had been received from the Loughborough & District Housing Society (1969) Ltd expressing their interest in acquiring the site for rented accommodation was considered. It was agreed to:

- i renew contact with the District Valuer to ascertain the current situation
- ii write to the Housing Society to enquire when they would be in a position to purchase the land

9 WAYMARKING

The Chairman reported on a meeting with Mr David Moore (LCC Countryside Officer), in which he had given advice on ways of surveying footpaths and how the LCC could open up and maintain them. She had also held a meeting of people interested in helping with waymarking and hoped to arrange a further one in December. She suggested that there should be an **Adopt a Footpath** campaign and this was well received. There were difficulties in maintaining Rights of Way but it was hoped to consider possible diversions of some existing routes to give easier access to the

countryside in an acceptable way to the landowners. Some of the settlements which the former **Wolds Footpath Group** thought had been resolved some years ago had not, in fact, been carried out. The Chairman would look through the old files preparatory to the next Parish Council meeting. It was agreed that she would bring definitive maps to that meeting for consideration. It was noted that some members of the Burton Women's Fellowship were interested in walking paths.

10 TELEPHONE KIOSK

The question of whether an application for the Cotes Telephone Kiosk to be listed would be put on the agenda for the next meeting, when it was hoped Mr Byass would be able to give Cotes parishioners' views.

11 LAGOON

Mr Perkins of Charnwood Borough Council had been contacted regarding the poor condition of the lagoon. He had stated that Severn-Trent usually adopt lagoons and service 2 or 3 times a year but there were still some sewage problems which had not been resolved, in spite of the Borough Council's repeated requests. It was agreed to press the Borough Council again on this point.

12 POSTAL DELIVERIES

Royal Mail Letters had acknowledged the Parish Council's enquiry regarding lateness of postal deliveries in Burton on the Wolds and were looking into the matter.

13 ENVIRONMENT

13.1 **Waste Paper** *Friends of the Earth* had a collection on the first Saturday in the month at the site of the old cattle market, off Granby Street. Mr Shields said that the Borough Council encouraged charitable organisations to collect waste paper rather than incur the high cost of the overheads involved. *Friends of the Earth* would be contacted when their venue was known.

13.2 **Bottle Banks** There were banks near Safeway, Gorse Covert and the Co-operative Store, Swan Street, in the car park off Shakespeare Street.

13.3 **Drink Cans** The local Brownies were collecting used cans and taking them to Burton Village School on Monday evenings. The Brown Owl would be contacted in this connection.

13.4 **Fouling of Footway Signs** Mr Saunders had written to the Borough Surveyor on this subject and received a reply which stated only particular trouble spots could be dealt with at present. The Clerk would forward a list of the worst affected sites.

13.5 **Rubbish dumping** Three grey plastic bags of rubbish had been dumped in one of the ponds in Harlow's Wood.



14 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

14.1 **Highway Matters** A letter had been received from the Divisional Surveyor acknowledging the various highway matters which had arisen but stating that the tree at the corner of Wymeswold Lane/Melton Road was in the Cemetery and did not come within the Department's province. It was agreed to contact the Parochial Church Council as the tree was their responsibility although the Parish Council gave financial assistance in maintaining the Burial Ground.

It was noted that, although the overgrowth in Hall Drive had been cleared, there was an overhanging elder tree which was on private property. This matter would be followed up.

14.2 **Tree and Shrub Screen** With regard to the tree and shrub screen on the Bestbuilt Estate, in spite of constant pressure from both the Parish Council and Mr Page, a parishioner, as yet there had been no action other than letters stating that the work had been put in hand.

15 SOCIETY OF LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS - SALARIES 1989

This item was dealt with at the end of the meeting, when members went into Committee. The Clerk had written a letter to the Parish Council withdrawing her resignation, as she was now able to carry on with the duties. Councillors reviewed the Clerk's salary and it was agreed that as from 1 July 1989 she would receive a salary of £1100 pa. ✓

16 PRESS RELEASE

Members were invited to give their comments on items to be included in the press release which would be drafted by the Chairman.

17 SIGNATORIES FOR CHEQUES

National Westminster Bank PLC had been informed that there had been a change in the signatories for cheques and Col Davies signed the appropriate form. The Clerk would forward the document to the Bank after she had obtained Mr Byass's signature. ✓

18 CHEQUES

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

EMEB - Pavilion	£14.04
G G Skinner - expenses and telephone rental	£49.26

19 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

19.1 The January meeting would be put back to 15 January 1990 because of a clash with the BWF theatre trip.

19.2 The budget for the next financial year.

The public meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Minutes 9 October 1989

MINUTES of a meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds, on Monday, 9 October 1989 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Mrs R Saunders (Chairman)  
Mr C A Betts  
Mr K P Byass  
Miss M Fletcher  
Mr M Oakland  
Mrs G G Skinner (Clerk)

In attendance:

Mrs D Goodman (County Councillor)

The Chairman extended a warm welcome to the newly appointed Parish Councillor, Mr Byass, and also to Mrs Goodman, County Councillor.

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Colonel Davies, Mr Eggleston and Mrs Feather.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting, which had been previously circulated, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman after the following amendments had been made:

The date of the meeting was 18 and not 17 September 1989.

**Minute 1, page 895** Apologies had been received from the Clerk and Mr Eggleston. ✓

**Minute 6, page 896** Copies of the accounts were circulated showing a change of minus £2241 in budgeted expenditure. ✓

**Minute 9, page 896** This minute had been rewritten and copies were circulated.

**Minute 13, page 897** Add 'The Chairman stated that Councillors wishing to make claims for expenses should submit the details to the Clerk for inclusion in her list'. ✓

The Chairman suggested that it would be useful if members could submit written reports to the Clerk, when appropriate, in order to facilitate accurate notes of meetings. On this occasion difficulties had arisen because the substitute Clerk had been unable to take comprehensive notes.

*Rachael Saunders*

13-11-89

3 MATTERS ARISING

Minute 11.1, page 896 **Used Aluminium Cans** Mr Davis of the City Engineer's Department had suggested 2 alternatives: (i) Cans could be taken to the Leicester Recycling Centre, 6 Evington Street, for sorting; the payment was approximately 40p per kilogram (ii) Cans could be collected and sorted with a magnet to the side of can, crushed and then sold to a Scrap Metal Merchant.

It was pointed out that the local Brownies had recently started collecting cans and had been issued with magnets. It was agreed that the local Brown Owl should be contacted and that the matter of used cans, waste paper and bottle banks would be pursued.

Minute 14, page 897 **Postal Delivery** Complaints regarding late postal deliveries had been received from St Andrew's Close and Hall Drive. The Chairman outlined the postman's routine after his arrival at the Depot at 5 am. It would seem that if the Hawker-Siddeley mail could be sorted by another member of the Depot staff, the delivery situation would be much improved. The Clerk was asked to put this request to the District Head Postmaster.

Minute 13, page 897 **Members' expenses** The meeting was reminded of the brief discussion on this point at the previous meeting and that a change in procedure was involved. It was agreed that members' authorised expenses would be reimbursed; full details would be given to the Clerk for the District Auditor's inspection; the amounts claimed would be reported as one total rather than individually listed. These totals would be minuted separately from the Clerk's own expenses.

4 BURTON PLAYING FIELD AND PAVILION

4.1 **Burton on the Wolds PFA** A letter had been received from Mr Martin, the PFA Chairman, requesting reimbursement of £400 which was the PFA's share of the cost incurred for the maintenance of the field during the summer. This was agreed. Mr Martin also required advice on the funds allocated to the PFA and, in particular, if allocated monies could be put aside to be carried forward to future financial years to meet anticipated expenditure. After discussion, it was agreed that the budgeting procedure should cover anticipated expenditure and Mr Martin would be advised accordingly.

4.2 **Clean Dog Campaign** The Chairman reported that 2 notices had recently been erected on the playing field asking dog owners to collect scoops and some small success had been achieved. Some of the difficulties experienced by parishioners were aired and a reminder of the campaign would be put forward for **The Link**.

4.3 **Vandalism** The PFA were again experiencing vandalism of seats and equipment, including the carving of names. The Chairman gave details and suggested that the names carved on PFA property should be published in **The Link**. It was pointed out that the carvings were not necessarily an indication of the identity of the vandal.



4.4 **Burton on the Wolds Playgroup** A letter had been received from Mrs Abell, the Secretary of the Playgroup, requesting the Parish Council's permission to use the Car Park and Pavilion for the annual Bonfire Party. This was agreed, provided adequate insurance cover was taken out, and a charge of £5 would be made by the PFA towards the use the pavilion. The Clerk would send a letter to this effect.

4.5 **Village Sports Information Pack** The County Council had sent a copy of the information pack for the parish. This would be passed to the PFA and The Chairman's name would be given as a future contact.

5 **BURTON VILLAGE HALL**

Mr P Cartwright, Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee, had written a letter to the Parish Council outlining the current situation, together with a copy of the Fire Prevention Inspection Report. In his letter he appealed directly to the Parish Council for financial assistance. Mr Cartwright was invited to speak and he gave a clear statement of the problems which had arisen. There was a lengthy discussion and it was agreed that quotations should be obtained for the additional work required. Mr Cartwright already had an alternative quotation for electrical work and he would follow through the grant situation. Mr Betts offered to help to obtain quotations for external doors and exit signs. Mrs Goodman was requested to contact Colonel Heggs to ascertain the grant position. It was agreed that the work necessary to comply with the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions Act) 1982 was a matter of urgency if the Hall was to continue to be used and the Parish Council was fully supportive. The Chairman was empowered to authorise expenditure of up to £1000 when required. This amount had been agreed upon at the meeting held on 12 June 1989 (Minute 5, page 885). The Chairman thanked Mr Cartwright for attending the meeting and paid tribute to the considerable amount of work he and his fellow committee members were undertaking on behalf of the Village Hall.

A letter had been received from the Borough Surveyor giving an estimated cost of remedial repairs as £8000. ✓

The meeting then considered the feasibility of building a new Village Hall and the Chairman circulated a paper (copy attached) outlining some of the advantages and disadvantages of such a project. Mr Betts suggested a 'shopping' list should be drawn up of the factors involved and put forward the following points which could form the basis of preliminary discussions:

- i Define purpose and use of new building
- ii Facilities
- iii Demand
- iv Costings
- v Time scale
- vi Short and long term implications for the existing Hall

*Rachael Saunders*

13-11-89

Mr Betts raised the question of a possible moratorium on the maintenance of the existing Hall and it was generally agreed that this would be unacceptable.

The provisions laid down by the Duke of Somerset were briefly discussed. Mr Byass said that, if the existing Hall fell into disuse, there was a possibility of a reversion clause in the Deeds. It was agreed that it would be advisable to write to the Duke of Somerset's Solicitors to ask if the right of reversion could be surrendered.

6 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk circulated copies of the accounts and cash flow projections; they were of particular interest at a time when funds were urgently required for the refurbishment of the Village Hall.

7 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no objections to the following applications:

89/2288/2 Mr R S Angel Porch and games room extension to front of detached house, 52 Barrow Road, Burton on the Wolds

89/2350/2 G Harvey Ltd Two storey office extension at either end of single storey office building (156 sq m) Unit 61, Wymeswold Industrial Park, Burton on the Wolds

8 PROPOSED NEW VILLAGE, SIX HILLS

There was nothing to report.

9 PARISH LAND, TOWLES FIELDS

Mr Betts had contacted Mr David Gibson but the matter had moved no further. Concern was expressed at the prolonged negotiations and the lack of response from the Severn-Trent Water Authority. The alternatives involved to resolve the drainage situation were discussed. Mr Gibson would be asked to press Severn-Trent and to submit a report to the next meeting.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the District Auditor seeking confirmation that the Parish Council would be permitted to spend money realised by the sale of land on Towles Fields.

10 WAYMARKING

The Chairman reported that steady progress was being made. There would be a meeting with Mr David Moore (Footpath & Bridleways Officer), Mr John Pepper (local landowner), herself and any interested volunteers on Tuesday, 10 October. This would be followed by a meeting at her house on 11 October with volunteers and she had prepared copies of

definitive maps in readiness for the proposed survey. She was also liaising with Mr David Marshall of Wymeswold. The County Council had a labour force commencing in November for this type of work and it was anticipated that a start could be made on the land owned by Mr Simon Packe-Drury-Lowe and Mr J Pepper in the not too distant future.

She read out the relevant parts of a letter received from the Leicestershire Footpath Association in connection with waymarking. The programme of walks for the winter 1989/1990 was available for interested members.

11 TELEPHONE KIOSK

Brochures of contemporary public telephone booths and equipment were circulated. It was not felt that any of the types illustrated would harmonize with the buildings in the centre of Burton on the Wolds; although there were problems because the kiosk had been used as a urinal, it was decided to let the application for listing stand. The question of the telephone kiosk at Cotes was raised and Mr Byass agreed to ascertain whether Cotes parishioners would like it to be put forward for listing.

12 LAGOON

The Chairman read out a letter from the Mr Fagg, the Divisional Surveyor in which he stated that the lagoon near St Andrew's Close was not highway land, and as such, was not maintained by the County Council. Mr Fagg did not have any information regarding the ownership. Members thought it was possible that Severn-Trent Water had adopted it and the Clerk was asked to contact Mr Rook of Charnwood Borough Council on the subject. If the Water Authority had not adopted it, it was suggested that the developers should be approached with a view to negotiating a computed sum for the future maintenance.

13 WOLDS ACTION COMMITTEE

A letter from Dr R Price appealing for funds because of a short fall on the legal costs of the recent Public Inquiry was considered. It was felt that, (a) the Parish Council had already contributed funds to the Wolds Action Committee and (b) that Parish funds were needed for refurbishment of the Village Hall. In these circumstances, it was agreed that the appeal should be turned down. The Clerk would write to Dr Price to this effect and also express the Parish Council's regret. ✓

The Action Committee had held a Barbecue to raise funds and, although this had not been as well supported as hoped, they had raised the sum of £650.



14 FITCHETT APPEAL

Mr Oakland, in his role as Chairman of the Resident's Association, had been notified by Mr Stephen Dorrell MP that planning permission for residential development on land of Melton Road/Brook Street, Burton on the Wolds, had been refused. Mr Oakland had also been sent a copy of the Inspector's letter to Messrs Marron, Dodds and Waite, and he read out the relevant portions. He agreed to have a copy made for the Parish files and the Clerk was asked to contact Charnwood Borough Council to ask if they had received a copy of the Inspector's Report. The reasons for the refusal should prove helpful in the case of the recent Wymeswold Airfield Public Inquiry.

15 NALC

The ninth assembly for larger local councils would be held on Wednesday, 22 November, 1989 at the Barbican Centre.

The Biennial National Conference of Local Councillors would be held at Great Yarmouth, 18-20 May 1990. Parish Councils were invited to send in resolutions for consideration. The selection of resolutions to be included in the programme for debate would be selected by the Conference Committee. The Chairman and the Clerk were interested in attending; NALC would like applications sent in as soon as possible in order to ensure a place. The closing date was 2 February 1990. This matter would be brought forward to a future meeting.

The Clerk had received details of credit card facilities for members of NALC and these was passed around for information.

16 MATTERS OF REPORT

There was nothing to report.

17 MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

**17.1 St Philip's Road** The Chairman had received a letter dated 3 October from Mr Houghton, the Borough Planning Officer, in which he said that Best Homes had informed him that they proposed to commence work in early October on the outstanding landscape work in respect of St Philip's Road, Burton on the Wolds.

**17.2 Tree Preservation** The Clerk had received a letter dated 4 October in which Mr Houghton acknowledged a telephone call to his assistant, Mr Buckingham, and to earlier correspondence. He apologised that he had not replied sooner but unfortunately staff time had been unavailable to proceed with the matter of tree preservation as a number of similar requests had been made by other Parish Councils. He would endeavour to resolve the issue as speedily as possible and would keep the Parish Council informed.

17.3 **National Health Service** An information leaflet had been received from the Leics Family Practitioner Committee on general medical services in rural areas. Some members recalled that in 1972 there had been a suggestion for using the Village Hall as a Branch Surgery. Since that time local facilities had improved. The leaflet would be kept on file.

18 HIGHWAY MATTERS

Highway matters should be reported to the Clerk rather than at meetings. The Divisional Surveyor's Department usually responded promptly and a letter was read out in which Mr Fagg said he was arranging for various overgrowths to be cleared. Miss Fletcher said that there was subsidence on the Melton Road near the centre of the village and the Clerk would write to Mr Fagg on this point.

19 PRESS RELEASE

The Chairman and Mr Oakland would draft this item for submission to the Editor of **The Link**. It was agreed to include a list of the names and addresses of Parish Councillors as there were now 2 new members; also the Clerk's name and address.

20 CHEQUES

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

Playing Field Association - maintenance of field	£400.00
T Wright - maintenance Burton Burial Ground	£111.00
G G Skinner - Clerk's expenses and reimbursement	£59.63
Member's allowance - telephone, travel etc	£6.55

- 21 The Chairman said that the Clerk had found it possible to stay in office for the time being, and expressed her appreciation.

22 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

The Clerk would notify NATWEST that 2 new Councillors had been appointed and obtain the necessary forms to enable them to become signatories to Parish cheques.

Mr Oakland gave his apologies for the November meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm

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## VILLAGE HALL

Arguments for and against the provision of a new village hall on the playing field:

### FOR

- 1 Building can be purpose-built - encourage new activities such as badminton
- 2 Increased revenue - present hall is rarely used for social events
- 3 Ample car parking
- 4 Site is away from passing traffic
- 5 Playgroup would have safe outdoor environment to use
- 6 Youth Club would have a variety of facilities to use

### AGAINST

- 1 Lack of security and possibility of vandalism
- 2 Site is on outskirts of village and possibly on opposite side to future developments
- 3 Not within walking distance for some villagers
- 4 Encounter with difficulties about disposal of old hall - would parish be able to decide on disposal; if hall reverts to Duke of Somerset's estate, would it be disposed of or left derelict?
- 5 Much time would have to be spent on the above before a decision about a new hall could be considered

MINUTES of a meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds, on Monday, 17th September 1989 at 7.30 pm.

Present: 18 RS

Mrs R Saunders (Chairman)  
Mr C A Betts  
Mrs J Feather  
Miss M Fletcher  
Mr M Oakland

1 APOLOGIES

~~There were no apologies.~~

apologies had been received from the Clerk and Mr Eggleston RS

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

Minute 3, page 889. Mr Buxton has queried why his poem had not been published in The Link. It was felt that we must make sure that we do not build up anyone's hopes about items appearing in The Link, when the final decision rests with the Editor.

Minute 8, page 891. A copy of the letter to Mr Page from the Ombudsman is still awaited. Mr Page will continue to pursue the matter of the five metre tree and shrub screen on the Bestbuilt estate, and pressure will be put on the Planning Department to recognise planning conditions imposed by the Borough Council.

Minute 13, page 892. Mrs Saunders suggested that the Parish Council should re-consider the application to retain the telephone kiosk in Burton because of its frequent use as a urinal. Mr Betts suggested that a modern hood-type of kiosk might be preferable. This matter will be discussed at the next meeting, after the Clerk has investigated types that are available.

4 BURTON PLAYING FIELD AND PAVILION

There was nothing to report.

5 BURTON VILLAGE HALL

The Chairman read out a letter from the Borough Surveyor which summarised the repairs necessary to the Village Hall, and stated that they were too numerous to detail. The Borough Surveyor will be requested to prepare a detailed cost estimate of the individual items.

The Burton Women's Fellowship Harvest Supper has been cancelled because of the restrictions imposed on the use of the Hall.



6 CLERK'S REPORT

6.1 Accounts Copies of the accounts were circulated, showing a ~~total budget~~ change of -£2241. in budgeted expenditure Rs ✓

6.2 British Gypsum Mr Betts reported that there was one item of interest in the minutes of the British Gypsum Liaison Group. One contractor has been removed from the list of people who can use the site because of disobeying routing signs.

7 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no applications for August.

8 PROPOSED NEW VILLAGE - SIX HILLS

Nothing to report.

9 PARISH LAND - TOWLES FIELDS

Mr Betts suggested that the Parish Council might have to negotiate directly with Major Hoe to resolve the drainage problems between Severn Trent and the Borough Council.

The Clerk has asked Mr Anthill about the new legislation in connection with the proceeds of the sale of the land.

Mr Oakland enquired about the feasibility of building a new Village Hall on the playing field. It was proposed that the Standing Committee should look at the criteria which need to be evaluated to enable a new Village Hall to be built.

10 WAYMARKING

A letter will be sent to Mr Packe-Drury-Lowe informing him that the Parish Council will not be ready to start before his September Trustees meeting. It is hoped to have something to report at the next meeting.

11 WASTE RECLAMATION/LITTER BINS

11.1 Friends of the Earth will be contacted for details of their waste reclamation scheme. It will be necessary to find out the location of bottle banks and an item will be placed in The Link to inform everyone. The Clerk will ascertain details about collection of used aluminium cans.

11.2 Litter Bins A letter has been received from Charnwood Borough Council saying that they have taken over responsibility for the emptying of bins in this parish and our request for additional litter bins will be given consideration when their investigation has been concluded. It was suggested that the school could be contacted about the litter problem in the village and the possibility of an aluminium can collection.

11.3 Clean Dog Campaign It was felt that dog fouling had not improved sufficiently, particularly along Barrow Road and on the path between Barrow Road and Springfield Close, and a press release will be prepared to this effect.

12 PRESS RELEASE

Mrs Saunders considered that it was too early to evaluate the success of the recent press release in The Link.

13 CHEQUES

The following cheques were authorised:-

Council for Protection of Rural England £8.00  
Clerk's Salary, Office Accommodation and Expenses

14 *The Chairman stated that Councillors wishing to make claims for expenses should submit the details to the Clerk for inclusion in the list.*  
ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING £330.92  
RS

A letter was read out from the Wolds Action Committee in respect of their increased legal bill (£3871 instead of the expected £2500), asking for help from the Parish Council. ✓

A way needs to be found to enable miscellaneous items to be brought into the agenda.

A complaint has been received concerning the late delivery of post in parts of Burton village. A letter will be written to the Post Office expressing concern, and asking if a separate bag can be provided for Hawker-Siddeley post, which has to be delivered at 8.30 am.

The collection of post from the Burton post box will be monitored to ensure it is collected at the correct times.

15 VACANCIES FOR TWO PARISH COUNCILLORS

The meeting went into Committee to discuss this item.  
Col. Roy Davies was co-opted as councillor for Burton Ward and Mr Ken Byass as councillor for Cotes.

16 REPLACEMENT OF CLERK

The Council is still awaiting an application for this post.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

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RE-UNITED MINUTE

9 PARISH LAND - TOWLES FIELDS

Mr Betts reported that Charnwood Borough Council had granted an extension of time for disposal of the land, to July 1990. Mr Byass had written informing him that he had made contact with Major Hoe's solicitor. Mr Byass also advised that any negotiations with other property owners on Towles Fields should be carried out by an agent. Concern was expressed about the protracted discussions between the Planning Authority and Severn Trent which were preventing further progress in marketing the land. It was agreed that Mr Gibson be contacted to see if there was any input which the Parish Council could make to these discussions to expedite matters.

The Clerk had asked Mr Antill whether new regulations concerning use of money realised by sale of assets would prevent or restrict the Parish Council in spending its share of the sale proceeds. He had stated verbally that there was no restriction, but had been asked to confirm this in writing. His reply was awaited.

Mr Oakland enquired about the feasibility of building a new Burton village hall on the playing field. It was agreed that the matter should be considered by the Standing Committee before the next meeting.

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PARISH LAND - POWER FILLS

Mr. Belts reported that Greenwood Borough Council had granted an extension of time for disposal of the land to July 1990. Mr. Byars had written informing him that he had made contact with Major Hoot's solicitor. Mr. Byars also advised that any negotiations with other property owners on lower fields should be carried out by an agent. Concern was expressed about the protracted discussions between the Council and the property and several times which were preventing further progress in marketing the land. It was agreed that Mr. Gibson be contacted to see if there was any about which the Parish Council could make. These discussions to expedite matters.

The Clerk had asked the Parish Council what a new regulation concerning use of land resulted by sale of assets would prevent or restrict the Parish Council in spending it at the sale proceeds. He had already replied that there was no restriction, but had been asked to confirm this in writing. His reply was awaited.

Mr. Oakland suggested that the Parish Council should consider the matter should be considered by the Standing Committee before the next meeting.



Minutes 14 August 1989

MINUTES of a meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds, on Monday, 14 August 1989 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Mrs R Saunders (Chairman)  
Mr C A Betts  
Mr T Eggleston  
Mrs J Feather  
Miss M Fletcher  
Mrs C McFarlane  
Mr M Oakland  
Mrs G G Skinner (Clerk)

In attendance:

Mr R Shields (Borough Councillor)

1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting, which had been previously circulated, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

Minute 6.2, page 885. The poem on the Lion's Mouth Fountain had not been published in *The Link*, as anticipated. It was understood that the editor, Dr Evans, had exercised his artistic criticism in this case.

4 BURTON PLAYING FIELD AND PAVILION

4.1 **Inspection of Playground Equipment** The annual inspection would be due in September and Cornhill Engineering would be asked to carry this out.

4.2 **Gang Mowers** This item would be considered at the September meeting of the Playing Field Association and the servicing arranged.

5 BURTON VILLAGE HALL

The annual income and expenditure figures supplied by Miss Rodgers, the Treasurer of the Village Hall Committee, were circulated. Details were given of a telephone conversation between the Clerk and Mr Canvin, a Building Inspector from Charnwood Borough Council.

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Mr Canvin had surveyed the Hall on 2 July. He listed a long list of repairs required to the Hall. His written report had not yet arrived. In conversation, he had said the work could be priced by his Department and the Clerk was requested to put this in hand.

Mr Cartwright, Chairman of the Village Hall Committee, was asked to speak. He said he had applied for the grant discussed at the last meeting and had arranged for the Hall to be re-insured, subject to certain conditions. The Village Hall Committee were arranging fund raising events; a Village Treasure Hunt and Barbeque were planned for 20 August. He also said that, on the subject of the electrical re-wiring, the tender under consideration would shortly expire. Copies of the comprehensive form for an electrical inspection were circulated. The Clerk agreed to ask the Building Inspector if he could recommend a contractor. He thanked Mr Betts for his efforts in locating the deeds and other documents relating to the Village Hall. The originals had now been deposited with NatWest Bank, Loughborough.

The Chairman read out a letter which had been received from Mr Wood, the Assistant District Auditor, in reply to a letter from the Council sent on 4 July. The letter confirmed that the Parish Council could make a loan to the Village Hall Committee and gave details of how this could be best accomplished from a legal point of view. ✓

Mr Cartwright would inform the Council of the result of the loan application.

6 CLERK'S REPORT

- 6.1 **Mayoress' Reception** The Mayoress of Charnwood, Mrs Jane Danvers, would be holding the annual reception for ladies on 13 September. Mrs Feather and Miss Fletcher agreed to attend. The Chairman and Clerk would both be on holiday at that time.
- 6.2 **LRCC** The Clerk circulated details of a Conference on Rural Services in Leicestershire to be held on 13 September.
- 6.3 **Council for the Protection of Rural England** It was decided to take up membership and the Clerk would check on the fee.
- 6.4 **Accounts** The Clerk circulated copies of the accounts up to 2 August 1989. Now that the legal expenses for the Public Inquiry were known, the cash projections would be updated for the next meeting. ✓

7 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications were considered:

89/12921/2 R Eggleston  
Extension to provide conservatory to side of detached property  
Valley Farm, Melton Road, Burton on the Wolds

89/1820/2 Graeme Egglestone

Listed building consent to reinstate window in gable end of property, Burton Bandalls Farm

There were no objections

89/1910/2 Mr & Mrs R F S Pickering

Site for the erection of one bungalow for livery manager/groom Spinney Farm, 234 Melton Road, Burton on the Wolds

With regard to the above the Council would not object to a genuine agricultural application, but had some reservations.

8 TREE AND SHRUB SCREEN

The planning requirement for the 5 metre tree and shrub screen on the Bestbuilt estate had not been enforced. The Clerk had written to the Borough Planning Officer on 2 occasions but had received no reply. The Chairman had telephoned Mr Moffat in the Planning Department and had subsequently written a letter expressing the Parish Council's concern; also requesting that the planning conditions imposed by the Borough Council should be recognised, not just in this case, but for future developments. The Chairman would get in touch with Mr Page, who had previously contacted the Ombudsman about the matter, and this item would be brought forward to the next meeting.

9 PROPOSED NEW VILLAGE - SIX HILLS

The Chairman gave details of a recent public meeting and also circulated a copy of a newspaper article indicating that, in the future, Parish Councils might not need to be put to great expense when opposing developers.

10 PARISH LAND, TOWLES FIELDS

Mr Betts said that Major Hoe had accepted the proposition for access to his land, in principle, but the matter could not progress further until it was known whether the Borough Council would give an extension on the time limit for the sale of the land. The Clerk had telephoned Mr Gibson who suggested that the drainage should be the developer's responsibility. The subject would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

11 WAYMARKING

The Chairman, Mrs Feather, Mr Stead and the Clerk had attended a meeting at Prestwold Hall with Mr Packe-Drury-Lowe and Miss R Mills, Rights of Way Officer. The meeting had considered copies of the definitive map of the area. It was hoped that waymarking would be completed before the Parish Councils' Centenary in 1994, when Mr Packe-Drury-Lowe had suggested that the event might be celebrated at Prestwold Hall with a picnic and barbecue. The funds raised could be used to support a charity, the cause to be chosen nearer the time.

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The Chairman read out a letter sent by the Director of Planning and Transportation to Mr Packe-Drury-Lowe. There was a considerable amount of work to be undertaken and there would be some expense. The first step would be a site meeting to be arranged by the Director of Planning and Transportation, after which a survey of the footpaths and bridleways on the Prestwold Estate would be undertaken.

The Clerk had received an enquiry from the Clerk of Hoton Parish Council and would keep her informed.

12 CLEAN DOG CAMPAIGN

The posters, notices and poop scoops had been distributed. The Chairman thanked Mrs McFarlane for her efforts. The Chairman also circulated a newspaper article regarding strays and fouling. The Clerk had received a letter and details of the byelaw on dog fouling from the Borough Secretary.

13 TELEPHONE KIOSK

The Clerk had submitted the relevant forms, accompanied by a map and photographs of the kiosk with a request for listing. She had received a letter of acknowledgement from English Heritage. The condition of the kiosk was discussed; apparently it had plastic windows because glass ones had proved impracticable, and these were badly scratched and discoloured.

14 MOD MARRIED QUARTERS, SOWTERS LANE

There was some discussion on the possibilities of the development of Sowters Lane and Mr Betts felt the Parish Council could usefully explore the situation. It was decided to bring this subject forward in the New Year.

15 SPEED LIMIT - BURTON ON THE WOLDS

A speed check had been undertaken from 1 June. During a period of 24 days the police had positioned themselves in the village on 2 occasions; they had noted that 6 motorists exceeded the limit and 2 were cautioned. It was anticipated that the police would undertake 2 checks per month on a regular basis.

- 16 16.1 **Waste Reclamation** A letter had been received from the Borough Surveyor regarding a decision by the County Council to grant a subsidy to charities to encourage recycling of waste materials. The Clerk would follow this up and enquire about facilities for recycling waste paper etc in Loughborough.

- 16.2 **Litter Bins** A response from the Borough Surveyor on the subject of additional litter bins was read. The cost of additional bins would be borne by the Parish Council but subsequently maintained by the Borough. It was thought that additional bins should be



placed at the bottom of Springfield Close, in Brook Street and at the end of the footpath to Mundy Close. The Clerk would enquire about the cost. Litter was an ongoing problem in the parish.

17 POST OFFICE SERVICES

The Post Office regretted that they were unable to provide facilities for vehicle licensing at the Burton on the Wolds' Post Office. However, Post Office Counters Ltd were continually reviewing the situation with the Department of Transport and the Parish Council's letter nominating the local Post Office would be kept on file.

A pamphlet had been received from the LRCC on *Rural Services at Risk* which included a section on rural Post Offices; a campaign had been launched to encourage villagers to use rural services and details of the campaign's progress would be released through Radio Leicester.

18 INTER-VILLAGE QUIZ COMPETITION

Details of entries and of a Quiz week-end were given. It was felt that it would not be possible to enter this time as the closing date was 1 September. The matter would be raised at the June 1990 meeting in order that an entry might be organised for next year.

19 VACANCIES FOR TWO PARISH COUNCILLORS

Letters of resignation had been received from Mike Urwin and Christine McFarlane. Notices of the casual vacancies had been posted on all the parish notice boards and an item would be placed in *The Link*.

The Chairman expressed the Council's regret at the loss of the 2 members, who had resigned because they were leaving their parishes, and paid tribute to their excellent service.

The Clerk had notified the Borough Secretary of the vacancies. If there were no requests for an election within approximately 3 weeks from 9 August (when the notices were posted), the Parish Council could consider filling the vacancies from any interested parties who responded to the notice.

20 VACANCY FOR CLERK

Mr Betts requested that the meeting should go into Committee to discuss this item. This was done at the end of the meeting, when members of the general public had left. Details of the job description, remuneration, advertisement and the structure of forthcoming interviews were discussed. The Chairman expressed her regret that the Clerk could not continue, owing to personal difficulties, and expressed the Council's thanks for her services.

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21 SUB-COMMITTEE

Mr Betts proposed that a sub-committee (non-executive) should be formed, comprising the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, the Clerk and a Councillor. This could be called the Planning and General Purposes Committee. Its purpose would be to consider planning applications and correspondence requiring preparatory work between monthly meetings. This was seconded by Mrs Feather and carried unanimously. ✓

22 PRESS RELEASE

The Chairman undertook to prepare the press release for *The Link*.

23 CHEQUES

The following cheques were authorised:

T Wright, 3 months' maintenance of Burial Ground	✓£111.00
Audit Commission fee	✓£56.93
J R Personnel, photocopying	✓£13.80
LAPC, book on Local Council Administration	✓£19.50
Readyprint, photocopying for meetings	✓£10.92
EMEB, Pavilion	✓£18.73
Clerk's expenses and reimbursement, (2 months)	✓£153.42
Cornhill Engineering, Inspection Playground	✓£30.00
<b>Free 2p Expenditure</b>	
Moss, Latham & Toone, costs for Public Inquiry	✓£2101.03
Plus	✓£3.36

The payments to Moss, Latham & Toone for one-third costs of the Public Inquiry would be authorised out of the free 2p allowance. It was proposed by the Mr Betts, seconded by Mrs McFarlane, and **RESOLVED** that the Council in accordance with its powers under sections 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972 should authorise the expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, was in the interests of the area or its inhabitants. ✓

24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was arranged for Monday, 18 September.

25 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Mr Shields outlined the Borough Council's arrangements for litter.

The Clerk was requested to report the following matters:

The Lagoon near St Andrew's Close was overgrown, unsightly and a dumping ground for garden rubbish

Overgrown area between *The Greyhound* and entrance to Hall Drive

Overgrown paths as follows:

Footpaths to Mundy Close, Burton Lane from Home Farm to Cotes

The meeting closed at 9.55 pm.

MINUTES of a meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds, on Monday, 12 June 1989 at 7.30 pm.

**Present:**

Mrs R Saunders (Chairman)

Mr T Eggleston

Mrs J Feather

Miss M Fletcher

Mrs C McFarlane

Mr M Oakland

Mrs G G Skinner (Clerk)

**In attendance:**

Mrs D Goodman (County Councillor)

**1 APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from Messrs Betts and Shields.

**2 MINUTES**

The minutes of the last meetings on 8 May 1989 (including the annual meeting), which had been previously circulated, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**3 MATTERS ARISING**

**Post Box** A letter had been received from Mrs Cooper of the Royal Mail indicating that, provided Charnwood Borough Council had no objections, it was likely that a larger Post Box would be installed in Burton on the Wolds. The Clerk was requested ascertain the type of proposed Post Box.

**4 BURTON PLAYING FIELD AND PAVILION**

**4.1 PFA Management Committee** Mr Eggleston was elected.

**4.2 Maintenance of Playing Field** Copies of letters from Mr Worsley, Chairman, Burton on the Wolds Cricket Club and Mr Martin, Chairman of Burton on the Wolds PFA on the subject of the Parish gangmowers were circulated. After discussion, it was agreed that the gangmowers should be serviced in September and that Brooksby Hall Agricultural College would probably offer the most economical price.

**4.3 Chairs** It was agreed to purchase 24 chairs for the Pavilion.

**4.4 Playing Field Inspection** It was agreed to ask Cornhill Engineering to carry out the annual inspection.

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## 5 BURTON VILLAGE HALL

A letter had been received from the Secretary of Burton on the Wolds Village Hall Management Committee requesting a grant towards the cost of bringing the electrical wiring in the Hall up to a satisfactory standard. This was necessary in order to comply with the legislation for the renewal of the entertainments licence. A grant of £700 had been obtained from Charnwood Borough Council and an application was to be made to the County Council for a possible grant of 50% of the costs. The Chairman of the Management Committee, Mr Cartwright, who was present at the meeting, was invited to speak on this subject. Mr Cartwright explained the difficulties which had been encountered which included locating the necessary documents for applying for a grant from LCC. After discussion, it was agreed to grant £750 towards the cost of the work. Councillors gave authority for a further £250 to be granted if there should be a shortfall after the decision on the application from the County Council.

## 6 CLERK'S REPORT

6.1 **Bank Account** The Clerk had negotiated a waiver of the fee for £100 which was required by National Westminster Bank PLC for the return of cheques and credit slips. ✓

6.2 **Lion's Mouth Fountain** A letter had been received from Mr Edward Buxton enclosing a poem about the fountain. The Clerk read this to the meeting. It was decided to send a copy for inclusion in *The Link* and to thank Mr Buxton for his beautiful verse.

6.3 **Accounts** The Clerk circulated copies of the accounts up to 31 May 1989.

6.4 **Clerk's Resignation** The Clerk read out her letter of resignation from the position as Parish Clerk as from 30 September 1989. The Chairman had been sent a copy earlier that day. She expressed her regret that an unfortunate change in her domestic circumstances had made it difficult to carry out the duties required. The Council appreciated the reasons for the resignation, but accepted it with much regret. It was decided to advertise the post.

## 7 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications were considered:

89/1278/2 Mr & Mrs J M Percival - Extension to side of detached house for swimming pool, changing and plant rooms; first floor bedroom, bathroom and games room, 44 Wymeswold Lane, Burton on the Wolds.

89/1296/2 Mr Hall - Extension to side of detached bungalow for 2 bedrooms and en-suite shower-room. Erection of lich gate to front, 2 Somerset Close, Burton on the Wolds.



89/1405/2 Mr J Taylor - Study extension to front of detached house, 6 Springfield Close, Burton on the Wolds.

There were no objections.

89/0903/2 Mr V V Lakhani - Retention of display of internally illuminated projecting sign, 30 Melton Road, Burton on the Wolds.

The illuminated projecting sign and the sign below had both been the subject of previous discussions by the Parish Council. The illuminated sign had proved a hazard to traffic and accidents had occurred. The sign below had caused injury to Miss Fletcher. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Borough Planning Officer stating the grounds for the objection to the application and reminding him once again of the Parish Council's concern that public safety was at risk from the signs.

8 PROPOSED NEW VILLAGE - SIX HILLS

A report had appeared in the **Loughborough Echo** stating that the County Planning and Recreation Committee went along with the County's Chief Planner, Mr Thompson, and recommended rejection of the plan.

The Chairman gave details of the Wolds Villages Conservation Group which had recently been set up and for which she had membership cards. The membership fee was £1.

9 PARISH LAND, TOWLES FIELDS

A report from Mr Betts had been circulated and a letter from Mr Byass of Messrs Moss, Latham & Toone was distributed. The recommendations were noted and advice was being sought from the Severn-Trent Water Authority on the sewerage arrangements.

10 WAYMARKING

The Chairman and Mrs Feather had been in contact with Mr Simon Packe-Drury Lowe regarding a meeting; it was hoped that this project would be put in hand by September 1989.

11 GOOD DOG CAMPAIGN

Mrs McFarlane had received the lamp post stickers and it was hoped to mount the campaign in July. It would be necessary to contact the local shops to engage co-operation in stocking the free poop scoops and a letter would be sent to every householder. It was decided to look into the position regarding the local byelaw on dog fouling.

12 WEIGHT RESTRICTION, BARROW ROAD, BURTON ON THE WOLDS

The County Council had given public notice of a prohibition for vehicles over 7.5 tonnes.

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13 NOTICE OF AUDIT

The audit would be held at 10.15 am on Thursday, 29 June 1989 at Southfields. The accounts could be inspected at the Clerk's house prior to 19 June. Notices to this effect had been displayed on the Parish notice boards. ✓

14 BRITISH GYPSUM TRAFFIC

A reply was awaited from the County Council on this matter.

15 TELEPHONE KIOSK

A letter had been received from British Telecom together with the necessary forms to complete for the kiosk to be retained.

16 PRESTWOLD BUS SERVICE

The Clerk had received details of concessionary travel vouchers from the County Council and Mrs Feather undertook to follow this up for the people concerned. The County Council could not help in the matter of re-routing the bus service; this was in the hands of the Bus Company, who were unlikely to change the arrangements for a small number of passengers.

17 INVENTORY AND INSURANCE

This item would be brought forward to the January meeting. ✓

18 MOD MARRIED QUARTERS, SOWTERS LANE

A letter had been received from the MOD Land Agent and a letter from Mr Betts on the subject was circulated. The development of Sowters Lane was a matter of concern and would be discussed fully at the next meeting.

19 SUB-COMMITTEE AND OTHER MATTERS

Mr Betts had written a letter containing suggestions for future action. It was agreed to defer the discussion on the setting up of a Planning and General Purposes Sub-committee until the next meeting. His other points were relevant to item 21.

20 CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman said that general correspondence would be available at meetings in order to facilitate queries.

21 PRESS RELEASE

The Chairman suggested issuing a press release to be circulated in **The Link** giving points of interest arising from meetings. Mr Betts' comments regarding a news letter were read to the meeting. One of the

difficulties of the press release was the 'deadline' for material to be given to the Editor of **The Link**. It was agreed to give the release a trial and to gauge public response before making it a standard item. A release would be put out after the meeting.

22 NHTPC REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Details of the programme for 12 July 1989 were announced.

23 LAPC

The ballot papers for the election of officers were filled in. It was noted that the annual meeting would be held on 22 June at Barkby and the annual general meeting on 7 July at Braunstone.

24 REVIEW OF MINERAL POLICIES

A letter had been received from the County Council on this subject.

25 CHEQUES

The following cheques were authorised:

LAPC annual subscription	/£89.53
Cornhill Insurance, PFA	/£50.00
Readyprint	/£65.87
Clerk's salary and expenses	/£257.40
F Groome - Chairs PFA	/£192.92
Hoton Parish Council	/£85.00

The payment to Hoton Parish Council was for the invoice received from Stansgate Planning Consultants in respect of the Public Inquiry. ✓ The expenditure would be authorised out of the free 2p allowance. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Oakland, and **RESOLVED** that the Council in accordance with its powers under sections 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972 should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, was in the interests of the area or its inhabitants:

A grant of £85 in connection with the joint parishes' representation at the public inquiry into Wymeswold Airfield. ✓

26 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Sub-committee

Result of police check on the speed limit through Burton on the Wolds  
Overgrown footpath, B676 Burton to Old School junction, B675 from  
Prestwold to Hoton

Overgrown bush at juncture B676-A60

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

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